# Restoring nature together

My mom and I went to my grandmother's village for this year's Diwali celebration. My grandmother's village is a beautiful village. My mother told me that when she was a child, the village would be full of trees, fields, gardens and beautiful greenery everywhere.

Here is a short story about my experience in that village.

The day after the Diwali festival, myself, my uncle and my mother went around the village. My uncle pointed out and said to me "This is our village lake."
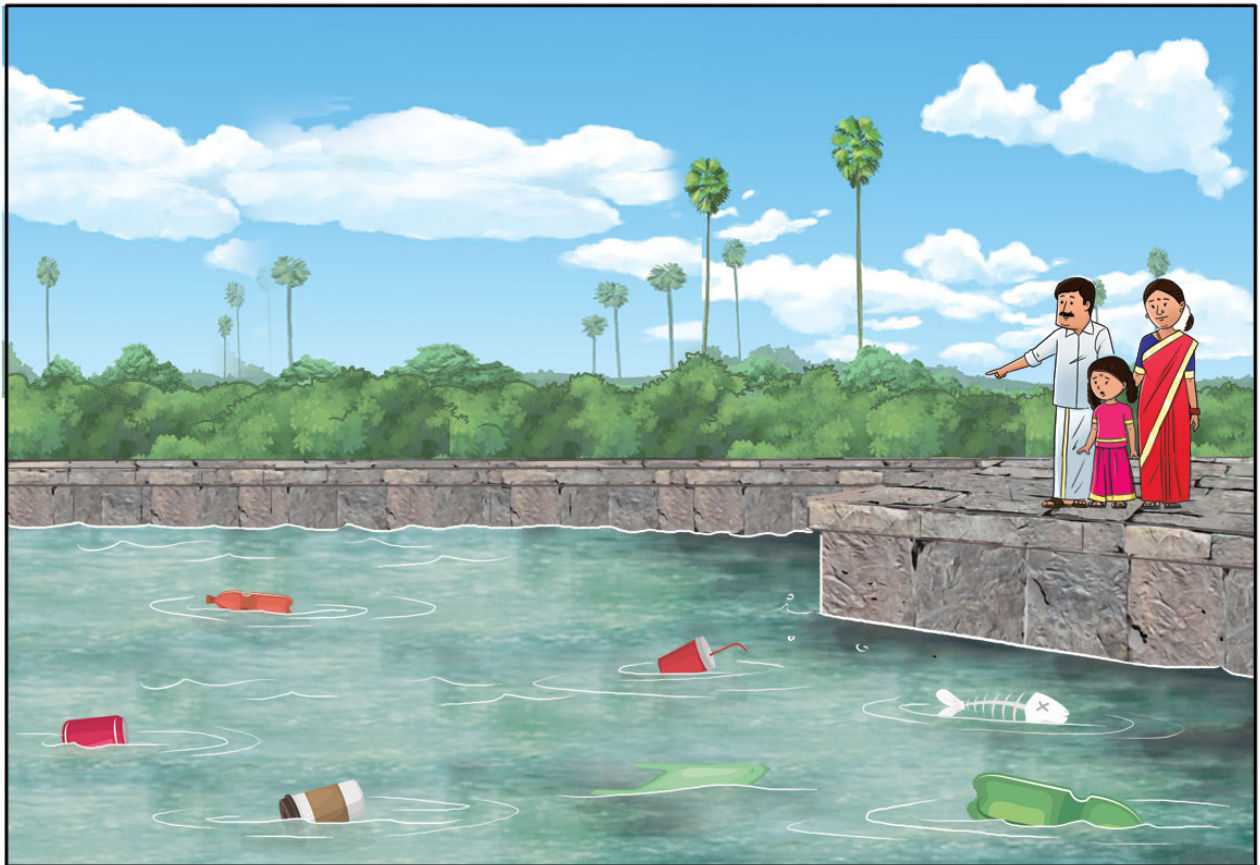
The lake was filled with rubbish all over. Dredging of the lake had not been done and the lake remained unusable.

When seeing the lake, my mom said, "In our childhood, me and your uncle used to take baths and play in this lake. It was an excellent source of water for the people in the village. But now it is pathetic to see the lake in this condition," my mom said and was worried.
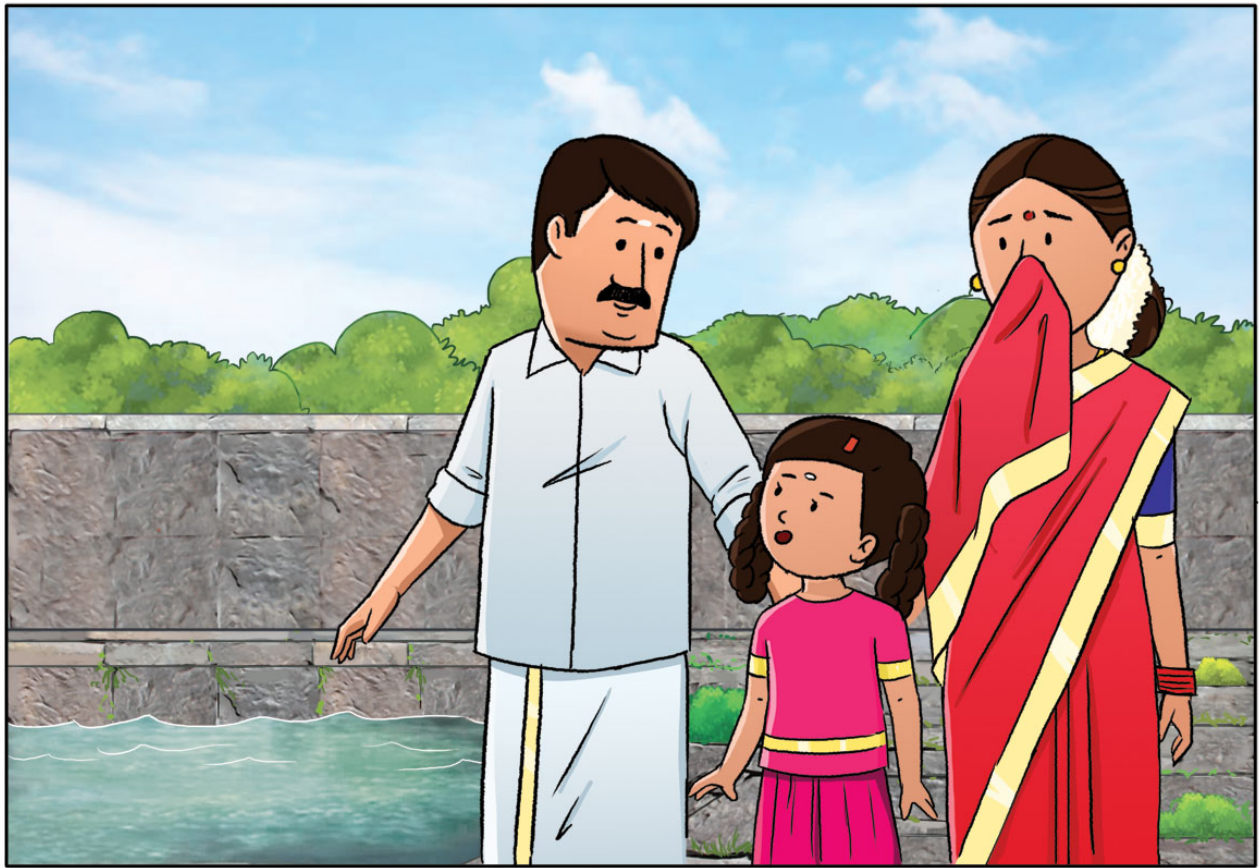
I asked my uncle, "Why is the lake in such a state?" He told me it was because there was no one to maintain the lake.

I got an idea and asked, "why shouldn't we dredge the lake and protect it?" My uncle said, "That it is not an easy task and what can we alone do?" I told my uncle that 'we' meant we and the people of the village. I told my uncle that we should create awareness and make the villagers understand the situation.
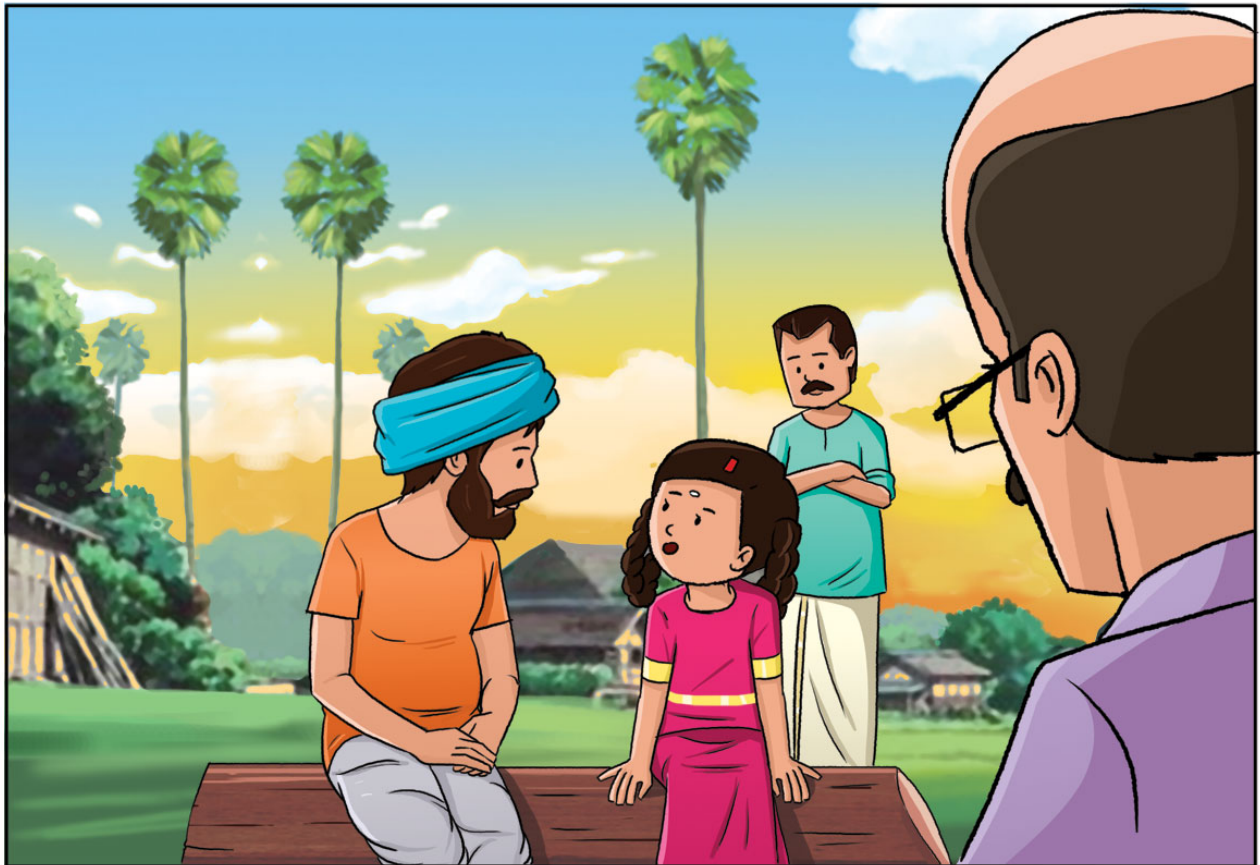
The same evening we met the people of the village and talked to them. I explained to the villagers about littering the lake and its consequences, such as land pollution and water pollution.

Everyone in the village agreed to work together on this task. The next morning the villagers joined us in cleaning the lake.

I also explained growing and maintaining plants and trees keeps groundwater conserved and controls air pollution.